



General Supervision System Listen and Learn Series

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IDEA

- Requires that students with IEPs who have print disabilities receive their core instructional materials in a timely manner.



Definitions

- NIMAS – means the standard established by the Secretary to be used in the preparation of electronic files for conversion into specialized formats
- Specialized formats are Braille, large print, audio, or digital text (Accessible Instructional Materials)
- Refers specifically to K-12



Definitions

- NIMAC –a national repository of electronic (NIMAS) files of core instructional materials sold after July 2006.
- Provide access to print materials to blind and persons with print disabilities
- Develop procedures to protect against copyright infringement



What is the purpose of IDEA and NIMAS?

- To provide students with Accessible Instruction Materials (AIM)
 - In a timely manner (for individual students)
 - As a national effort to ensure that more books are available in specialized format (to build capacity nationally)



Maine's Definition of Timely Manner

- Students must have access to specialized instructional materials at the same time as students without print disabilities
- For transfer students or newly identified, temporary accommodations must be provided

■ Definition

- Refers back to 1931 copyright law – no SLD at that time
- Blind
- Visually impaired
- Physical disability
- Reading disability

■ MDOE Administrative Letter 31 (2/16/11)

- <http://mainedoenews.net/2011/02/16/accessible-materials/>



Maine's Functional Definition

- Maine CITE <http://www.Maine-AIM.org>
 - Blind
 - Visual impairment
 - Specific Learning Disability
 - Other physical condition



SAU Choices

- Opt in to coordination with NIMAC
- Opt out of coordination with NIMAC
- **Nevertheless, still need to provide core instructional materials in a timely manner**
- **Choice is made on Local Entitlement application (assurances)**



NIMAC Opt-in SAUs

- When purchasing print instructional materials, must (34 CFR 300.172):
 - Add language to purchase orders that requires the publisher to deposit a NIMAS file of the textbook into NIMAC, or
 - Purchase materials in accessible format



NIMAC Opt Out SAUs

- Not required to do any of the opt-in requirements but
- Must assure the SEA that it will provide materials to blind persons and other persons with print disabilities in a timely manner



NIMAS Compliance

- Local Entitlement Application
- GSST monitoring



OSEP Guidance Document

- <http://idea.ed.gov/explore/view/p/%2Croot%2Cdynamic%2CTopicalBrief%2C12%2C>



Building the Legacy: IDEA 2004 - USDOE

<http://idea.ed.gov/explore/view/p/%2Croot%2Cdynamic%2CTopicalArea%2C10%2C>



Students with 504 Plans

- Everything applies except
- Cannot get materials from NIMAC



To Improve Students' Access

- Opt in to coordinate with NIMAC
- Sign up school for free Bookshare membership
- Send copies of textbooks to Bookshare to be scanned
- Sign up school for Learning Ally membership (formerly Recording for Blind and Dyslexic)
- Send copies of textbooks to Learning Ally to be converted to audio books



Maine AIM Website

- <http://www.Maine-AIM.org>



Questions?
